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The second front page in the new newspaper layout is on P3 (left side).

# Comelec gets P3.3B for automation

## But Abalos rejects senators' condition

By Jerome Avelar and Philip C. Torres

WHETHER THE SENATORS like it or not, the Commission on Elections is currently constrained to carry out the modernization of the country's electoral process once the budget is available. Comelec Chair Benjamin Abalos Sr. declared yesterday.



ABALOS

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"Every condition in their job, we cannot have an automated election because the Supreme Court said that for as long as you pass a law, you cannot have anything to do with it," he said.

"We appreciated the P1.4 billion but there will be a special provision which says, in effect, that the disbursement of that fund will have to be consistent with the decision of the Supreme Court, which is more certain. They are not the ones going to implement it," he added.

Abalos countered the lawmakers' condition to mean that the building and the purchasing of automation equipment would be considered proprietary so it would not be questioned again in court.

"The senators told us that we should consider the [proper] building and purchasing procedures," he said.

Abalos insisted that the Mega Fund is an above-board, 50-50, and he said he would expect equal calls for the equipment.

The Commission is already looking for the possible creation of a fund to finance the automation of the election process, he said.

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**MILITARY BACKING**  
With Armed Forces in Chief Gen. Artemio Tiu, President Gloria Macapagal Arroyo, Vice President Noli de la Rosa, and other officials, including the Armed Forces Chief of Staff Gen. Tiu, are seen in a photo of the President and Vice President with other officials.

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# Cardinal Rosales calls for sacrifice

By Luis B. Salazar

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# RP entrepreneurs are patriots — GMA

By Christine D. Amante

and Deborah L. Saeed

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# Indon 'intel' says JI terror network splintered

**MANILA, INDONESIA** — THE REMAINS of Indonesia's largest terrorist network survived the death of its master brain-maker but now, and to some degree, are more independent, only that remains to time and several outside locations in Indonesia, according to a multi-agency intelligence report.

The document, a copy of which was obtained by The Associated Press, says senior figures in the organization have "ongoing links" with fellow extremists in Afghanistan, the Philippines and Thailand as well as those in Pakistan and Lebanon.

Indonesian intelligence, which once had calls throughout Southeast Asia and allegedly received backing from al-Qaida, is believed to be aware of several bombings targeted at the same place, including the March bombings in Indonesia that together killed more than 20 people.

Intelligence have arrested some of the group's members in the last few years, and in January 2005 killed Abdul Fatah, a top leader who allegedly leads many of the bombs used in the attacks, during raid on his hideout.

The report said that after Fatah's death, Jemaah Islamiyah went further underground, forming small cells of five to six comprising mostly of young people recruited through Islamic study groups.

The well-known "Tashik Manuscript" in Mojokerto, and appears independently according to the 10-page document, which was dated earlier this month.

"Tashik Manuscript" was the main source for the 2002 attack on the Garuda Indonesia, the report said.

However, the group's alleged operations declined and lost its main source of funds.

These attacks, which was a key Jemaah Islamiyah operation until its arrest in 2003, said the 40 that the very last statement of the group would make it more likely the police to track down Jemaah.

"If police caught a regional head, it's unlikely he could identify other members of the group or provide information about its structure," said Jemaah, who was made into a subject.



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# GMA allies see something sinister ...

By Joseph L. ...

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## Scene of urgency

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MAGSALDANZA in 1997 election along Edsa.

## Rebel soldiers challenge superiors in Edsa posters

By Dave Pizzagallo

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# The 'Marvelous 35' not accidental heroes

By Pi Zamora

**THEY THOUGHT THEY** would just walk out, have a dance and perhaps a drink and go home.

That they would end up among the "heroic forces" of 1986, Edsa Revolution, was never in their minds.

The image of the 35 computer programmers who took to the streets in 1986, ending the Marcos dictatorship, is now a symbol of the Philippine Revolution. But the original 35 computer programmers who took to the streets in 1986, ending the Marcos dictatorship, is now a symbol of the Philippine Revolution. But the original 35 computer programmers who took to the streets in 1986, ending the Marcos dictatorship, is now a symbol of the Philippine Revolution.

They returned to the streets in the EDSA Revolution, but they did not know that they would be remembered as the "Marvelous 35" who ended the Marcos dictatorship.

But the Internet had apparently made them famous. It was a surprise when they were invited to the National Computer Congress.

They were invited to the National Computer Congress to discuss the future of the Philippine computer industry. They were invited to the National Computer Congress to discuss the future of the Philippine computer industry.

Project manager Marso "Shiny" Amador-Bonilla said they had been asked to give a presentation on the "disappearance" of their 35, but they thought the talk was about a "big" in the computer program.

**Dignity was negotiable**  
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## THE PEOPLE

### We stopped a rebel convoy

By Gilda Villalobos

**M**Y FRIENDS—PER the Alabancas, Diego Nolasco, Edgar and Joyce Espinoza—and I were in a rooming in Manila, Manila, when we heard that a rebel convoy was on its way to Manila. We decided to go and see what was going on.

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**THE PEOPLE**  
Candies, water  
delight ralliers

By Felicia Wudenberg

**W**HEN THE REVOLUTION broke out, I was 62 years old and was trying to figure out how my business would survive, with orders from companies dwindling. I was into handmade carpets since I retired as a mathematician and physics professor.

There are buses on Harvard Street, but they take a long time to get to the center. The street is lined with shops, mostly selling plastic bags of candies and disposable cups. The street is full of people. Not a single vehicle could be seen.

I borrowed a table from one of the houses. They not only gave me a table but also helped me spread the eggs and snakes on it. I did not have to ask them to get snakes. They filled the eggs with drinking water. We did not introduce medicine to each other. We just introduced snakes to each other.

I raised the attention of the coaching people to my desire by choosing, under the

It is on buses the table was empty. The girls brought the table back and I went marching with the people. There were many people on the sidewalk watching the marchers. Some of them who have not moved and stayed their hands around or looking on marching, too.

At the same time, I saw the first and last of the season's hurricanes. They came one day each over the table, laid down bottles of water, the cups and the saucers. After the table was occupied, I went home and began planning for the next day's

I work hard, but I don't sleep, and I take time to relax. I have excellent friends and some

When I looked over the piles that Wilson brought home, I realized that I had not noticed any new and then, this went on by three steps. As soon as I had seen plants long full of spines and pubescence, I would run to our garden to give them to the children.

## Brotherhood of Doctors forged

medical community and be counted among the people who initiated change. We were prepared to offer a pair of sneakers to anyone who

We proceeded in a column of vehicles to Eliza and encountered a waiting shed near Camp Aguinaldo in front of the main gate of Camp Crame. We took out of the waiting crowd, dispensing medicines, needles and ointment brought with our individual contributions.

A recent batch of students came with mailbags, solicited from consultants' clients, and lost the manager's suspension of the student council.

On our second day in Lhasa, we had no signpost with a representation of the Red Cross who still go to restore our supposed "Red cross" badges. The said no more within our limited resources.

The Oxford Campus are youthful athletes. Although aged at least 22 years, most of us were in a state of "unpublished adolescence" because we were with the length of training in our chosen profession.

We were later requested to move into Camp Clause to take care of soldiers and the other people inside. The security checkpoint at the front gate became my new station.

Along these, interventions have 'made' would reach us of the possibility of an outcomes and the need for intervention for an "on the spot" modification.

Each time, we would say our gratitude to frequency and church, not knowing what would happen. Every time we returned to our nation, there would be handshakes and hugs. We would always say a prayer of thanks that all went well and our breath-

and then went around the library building to the back door, which opened into a back garden. This time, no one asked for volunteers.

Ph. ad. I've found it is good to visit. Juggernauts outside our station. Dr. all of us graduate out bags with grace and knowledge. We hugged each in a sign of friendship and said farewell to schoolmates who had become our friends and friends who had become our

In fact, it was a turning point in the revolution. The ideology that came next, and

Back in school, we decided to build on our new relationship as brothers. Inspired under the rising suns of the Sika People Power revolution, we founded the Baka Baka Wednesday Brotherhood of Doctors from the DASH College of Medicine.















# The spirit of EDSA lives on...

## The spirit of EDSA means greater freedom and democracy.

- most vibrant press this side of the world

From the muckraker and alternative press during the dark years of martial rule, media have been mainstreamed. In 2005, there are more than 100 newspapers and more than 190 magazines, 644 commercial radio stations, and 15 free TV channels.

- host of several international events exposing greater political and religious freedom

These include the Central Democrat International (CDI) Asia-Pacific and the Global Interfaith Dialogue, the Inter-Parliamentary Union (IPU) General Assembly and the 3rd International Conference of Asian Political Parties.

Commitment to religious freedom is evident in the establishment of Salween peace units, establishment of entry of Islamic banking, promotion of Muslim holidays and festivals such as the Eid'l Fitr, and the strengthening of Marikina's education.

## The spirit of EDSA means better lives.

- Poverty incidence fell 3.7 percentage points to 24.9% between 2000 and 2003. Nearly 2 million people are lifted out of poverty.

- Highest average GDP growth rate

1992 - 1992	3.4%
1992 - 1999	3.7%
1999 - 2001	2.8%
2000 - 2003	4.8%

- Lowest average inflation rate

1999 - 1992	10.4%
1992 - 1999	7.8%
1999 - 2001	6.8%
2000 - 2003	5.2%

- most number of jobs created

1999 - 1992	498,000/year
1992 - 1999	636,000/year
1999 - 2001	162,000/year
2001 - 2004	1,214,000/year

- the least implementer of small investment lending to the poor among 161 countries (United Nations and the World Bank-supported Consultative Group to Assist the Poor citation during the International Day of Microfinance)

- more than 90% electrification rate, the highest in any administration, benefiting more than 5,000 barangays

- 2.4 million indigent families, or 12 million poor Filipinos, are now with health insurance

- more than 5,000 Boksing Barangays that sell half the price generic over-the-counter drugs and eight generic prescription drugs used by the poor such as amoxicillin

- 961,229 average number of hectares of irrigated lands from 2001-2003, already exceeding 5.5% those irrigated in 1999-2001 (901,000); by 9.32% from 1992-1994 (874,473.43); and by 16.96% from 1985-1990 (747,485.42)

- 1:1 basic-to-advanced ratio of grade school and half of high school (1:2 for 2nd and 3rd years)

- 16,319 classrooms built in 2001-2002 (34% more than in 1992-1993 (1,067 classrooms) and 30% more than in 1999-1998 (7,421 classrooms)

- The final three-year term of the Arroyo Administration was able to exceed by 790,000 housing beneficiaries the combined number of beneficiaries from 1985-1992 and 1999-2001. It surpassed by 27.8% the number of housing beneficiaries from 1992-1998.

## The spirit of EDSA means better governance and citizenship.

- reduction of processing time with applications for an NR Clearance from 3 days to 5 minutes, passport from 5 days to 3 days, driver's license from 140 days to 30 minutes, home-loaned permits from 90 days to 30-40 days, and voter's permit from 5 days to 2 days

- implementation of the Government Procurement Act (Republic Act 9194) which allows on-line bidding and resulting in at least 30% savings or P52 million in 2005

- introduction of a lifestyle check program in 2003 which led to an unprecedented record of high-ranking government official suspended, charged in court, or dismissed from the service

- increase in the conviction of corrupt officials from 6% in 2002 to 80% in 2005

- winning the support of the society in the fight against graft and corruption and the elimination of Jeopardy

- increase in NR incidence efficiency, with April 2005 figure posting a P300M overruns, due to greater citizens' compliance

- cultivation of the values of patriotism and excellence by being consistent of ourselves as Filipinos with dignity and pride as demonstrated by the 1st place finish of the Philippines in the recent South East Asian Games

- inspiring spirit of bayanihan and voluntarism in difficult times such as in natural calamities in Southern Leyte, Quezon, and Central Luzon













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# February 24, Day Three

## By PDI Research:

**1:30 a.m.**  
Jose Eustacio says broadcast crew pulled out after 10 hours (GMA 7) by saying "Mundo Mayday."

**2 a.m.**  
Three EDSA 1 signposts were found that President Arroyo is ignoring the situation. People report coverage of EDSA 1 is no longer being sent and some have left EDSA 1 for other sites.

**2 a.m.**  
Arroyo's broadcast follows via a 24-hour satellite to the GMA 7 website every hour (Makiling).

**2:30 a.m.**  
As Camp Crame, Defense Minister Juan Ponce Enrile says of his own personal and professional life, he says he is not a politician and is not a politician's son.

**4 a.m.**  
In Washington, DC President Donald Rumsfeld says he is not a politician and is not a politician's son. He says he is not a politician and is not a politician's son.

**5 a.m.**  
Marino says he is not a politician and is not a politician's son. He says he is not a politician and is not a politician's son.

**6 a.m.**  
Enrile says he is not a politician and is not a politician's son. He says he is not a politician and is not a politician's son.

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## THE PEOPLE

### 'For the first time, I found myself praying'

By Mercedes B. Urbano

I COME FROM THE SO-called "poor" railway establishment of the martial law regime. We lived in Fort Benigno. My father was a full-fledged colonel in the Philippine Army.

I grew up thinking of Marcos as Daddy.

Why did I find myself in Manila on the opposite side of the road, in February 1986?

My father was killed by an NPA bullet in a deadly ambush that same year. But the success of his rebellion, the NPA, to him was not what he wanted. He wanted to see me go to the US and study. That year, I had just graduated from USMA West Point. When news of the rebellion broke out, my eyes were glued to the radio, listening to developments.

During those entire months, I was not in the country, waiting in Manila for orders without a thought for their safety. I was not in the country. I was not in the country. I was not in the country.

So we waited. We knew our mother would never allow us to go there, afraid to lose her daughter's safety.

It was really quiet in Fort Benigno. The soldiers that we saw while waiting to go to the US were all young and full of life. I realized that they might have been our guard, watching each other, not knowing anyone who was there or not.

When we finally reached Manila, we were surprised. It was not what we expected. It was not what we expected. It was not what we expected. It was not what we expected.

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## GMA knocked on doors of embassies

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When the former President, when they signed the declaration that she was the President, we were divided into groups to go to the different embassies to seek recognition for Cory's presidency," said the President during a recent cable discussion on the Philippine Press and Information Commission (PINC).

"I remember in my group we went to the United States. I remember when we went to the United States, I remember when we went to the United States, I remember when we went to the United States."

and the Philippine Embassy," said the President.

All her USSR recognized Aguirre. One of the people, her mother, Juanita, said that she had the embassies recognized Cory's presidency which was the only one that recognized Marcos.

"We had to physically go out of Manila for a while to be able to make the results of the conference. It was a moment that each one of us played our own specific role as designed by the Lord, since then."

Aguirre said others. Twenty years later, I'm glad that major players of EDSA had a role to play in it," the President said.

During Presidential Management Staff head Jose Velasco said the President was there every day together with her husband and her three kids—Miguel, Lito and Lito.

"The atmosphere was better and the President said her family just like the other EDSA participants," Velasco said.

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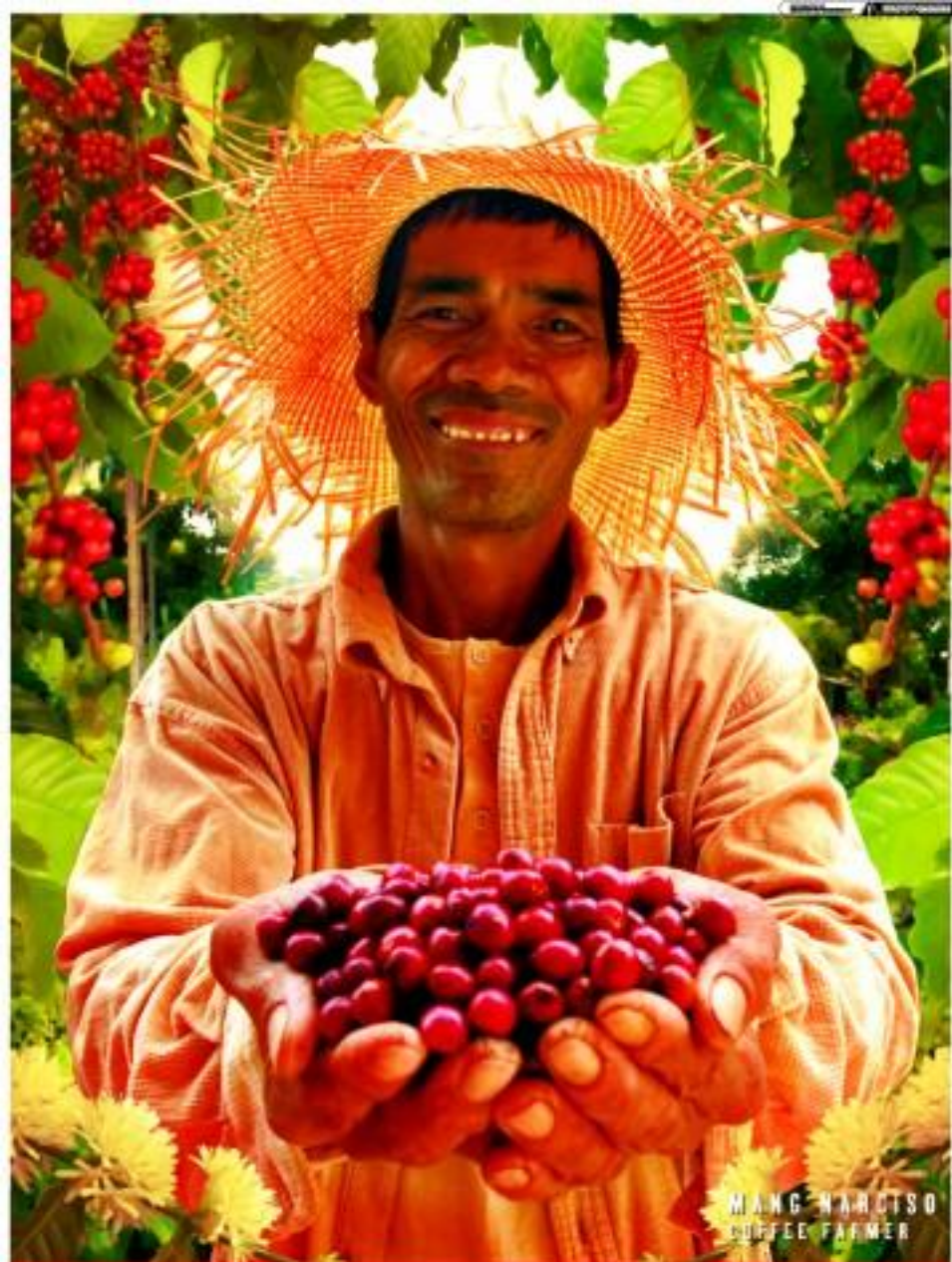
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## IRA-backed bonds up for sale

By David C. Downing

THE GOVERNMENT IS SET TO SELL BONDS backed by up to P17.5 billion worth of internal revenue allotment yet to be paid to local government units.

Friends of the sale will meet payment shortly due to budget cuts in 2008 and 2009, says broker Lyle.

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